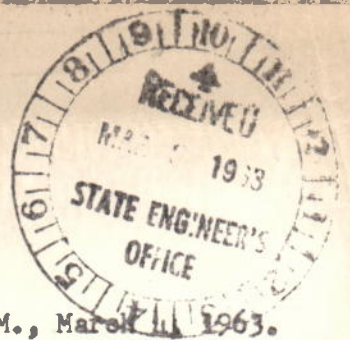


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MINUTES OF VERNAL AREA
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MEETING



Mr. Criddle, acting as chairman, opened the meeting at 8:30 P. M., March 11, 1963.

Mr. Criddle gave a brief history of distribution on Brush Creek and Pot Creek. He also mentioned that Ashley Creek would be distributed under Court Order as the State Engineer's Office is not aware of all the rights on Ashley Creek.

Mr. Criddle called on each system to name their representatives, on the 11-man committee. They are as follows:

11 Committee members as listed in 11

11 POT CREEK

1. Bill Allen
2. Zolph Calder

11 BRUSH CREEK

1. Bill Karren
2. N. J. Meagher, Jr.
3. Curt Dudley

The Brush Creek group was protested by Reed Taylor. Mr. Taylor claimed that Little Brush Creek did not have any voice in the choosing of the representatives. Mr. Criddle suggested that these representatives represent Brush Creek for this meeting and in the future, the Brush Creek and Little Brush Creek Water Users get together and elect three (3) men to represent them.

Mr. N. J. Meagher, Jr. explained that the Brush Creek meeting was very informal.

Note: General Chairman for all 3 parts of system is: Mr. Lynn Richens Rt. #2, Vernal, Utah

Secretary
Chairman

ASHLEY CREEK

1. Leon Christensen - Representing Conservancy District
2. Davis Merkley - Representing Rock Point, Dodds, Steinaker Island.
3. Lynn Meacham - Representing Ashley Creek above Ft. Thornburg Diversion
4. Ward Merkley - Representing Ashley Central Canal.
5. Lowell Goodrich - Representing Ashley Upper Canal.
6. Lynn Richens - Representing Highline Canal and Ashley Valley Reservoir Company.

Mr. Criddle requested Mr. Frank Reese, Chief Accountant for the State Engineer's Office give a breakdown of the 1962 financial statement for each system. (See attached sheet)

Mr. Reese gave this report. (See attached sheet)

Mr. Criddle gave a partial breakdown of the Proposed 1963 Budget for the combined Ashley, Brush and Pot Creek systems.

The meeting was opened to discussion.

Question - N. J. Meagher, Jr. - The proposed mileage allotment for 1963 appears to be high. (11,500 miles)

Answer - Mr. Criddle - This figure was based on the mileage traveled in 1962.

Question - Roland Merkley - Would Mr. Criddle give a complete breakdown of the proposed 1963 budget?

Answer - Mr. Criddle gave the complete breakdown of the 1963 budget.

Question - N. J. Meagher, Jr. - Will a breakdown of costs to each system be kept in the future?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - Yes, a breakdown of each system will be kept.

Question - Lynn Meacham - Will provision be made for the distribution of winter water on Ashley?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - Yes.

Question - Roland Merkley - How will this be done?

Answer - The Commissioner will be appointed on a year around basis.

MOTION - Curt Dudley - I move that the proposed budget for 1963 be approved on a trial basis for one year.

Second - Glenn Murray

Discussion on the motion - Question

Zelph Calder - Has the Commissioner been appointed? Does the State Engineer have to take the recommendation of the committee?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - The Commissioner has not been appointed as yet. The State Engineer will take into consideration, the recommendation of the committee, but he does not have to appoint the Commissioner recommended by the committee.

Mr. Criddle called for a vote on the motion. The motion was carried by the majority. Zelph Calder opposed the motion.

The proposed assessment for the Vernal Area System (Table 2 - Breakdown of Vernal Area Costs for 1963) was included in the Motion without objection. This called for a total assessment of \$6,277.82.

Curt Dudley suggested that the Committee meet and then make its recommendations to the State Engineer.

Mr. Criddle requested that the committee recommendations be presented to him by March 20, 1963.

Question - Lyle McKeachnie - How was the cost percentage (60% Ashley, 30% Brush, 10% Pot) for each system arrived at?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - Explained that the percentages were figured, using the acre feet delivery, mileage, time involved, etc., for each system.

Question - Lyle McKeachnie - Would the State Engineer accept a change, if the committee so recommended?

Answer - Mr. Criddle - The committee's recommendations would be considered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

The following is a list of those present: WATER USERS MEETING, March 4, 1963.
Ashley, Brush and Pot Creeks

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENT</u>
Woodey B. Searle	Little Brush Creek
Roy D. Mills	Central Canal
Ward Merkley	Central Irrigation Company
Lynn Mecham	Dry Fork Irrigation Company
Albert Freestone	Rock Point
Lowe Goodrich	Central and Upper
Reed Taylor	Little Brush Creek and Rock Point
Lynn Richens	Ashley Valley Reservoir
Colton McKeachnie	Highline Canal
Lynn Martinsen	Mosty
Robert Cook	Ashley Upper Canal
Rex L. Gardner	Independent Water right
Roland Merkley	Dry Fork Irrigation Company
Morgan Hall	Ashley Valley Water Users
Leon P. Christensen	Uintah Water Conservancy District
Lyle McKeachnie	Visitor
Joseph Calder	Pot Creek
Robert Shiner	Brush and Pot Creeks
Sam Sessions	Brush Creek
C. D. Dudley	Burnsbench Irrigation Company
L. Glenn Murray	Burton Ditch Company
Nick Meagher	Sunshine Ranch
Arthur Murray	-----
William Karren	Brush and Pot Creeks
Davis Merkley	Dodds Ditch
Wilford Evans	Little Brush Creek
Martin A. Evans	Brush Creek
Howard Ainge	Brush Creek
Rulon S. Hacking	Upper Ashley and Pot Creeks
William Allen	Pot Creek
Zelph Calder	Pot Creek

NAME

Alton H. Peterson
Joe Dodds
Sterling Cook
Robert Guy
Edward Stevenson
Wayne D. Criddle
Donald C. Norseth
Frank Reese

REPRESENT

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Distribution Engineer-State Engr. Office
Chief Accountant-State Engineer's Office

Minutes submitted by Robert F. Guy, Area Engineer .